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Fort Belvoir:

The Eagle reported July 20 about its attempts to answer questions about transportation and Base Realignment and Closure. Transportation is a word that arises in nearly every discussion of BRAC 2005 because it poses the largest cause for concern with the communities surrounding Fort Belvoir.

"This BRAC mission for Fort Belvoir is a whole lot bigger than the Army could have ever expected," said Don Carr, Fort Belvoir public affairs director. "We are a community of communities, it's important to the Army to communicate with each other."

Fort Belvoir is attempting to answer questions about transportation and BRAC by attending community meetings as guest speakers through the Speakers Bureau Program, participating in annual events and through the BRAC Board of Advisors.

For more on this story and other Fort Belvoir, Va., news visit www.belvoir.eagle.com/ on the Web.

Fort Bliss:

The Monitor reported July 20 that the Discovery Channel will be featuring Fort Bliss Soldiers on an upcoming episode of the television show "Future Weapons."

Soldiers from Headquarters/Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, will be an integral part of the episode entitled "Seek and Destroy."

The Soldiers, who work with the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile defense system, were interviewed after a successful flight test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., July 12.

For more on this story and other Fort Bliss, Texas news visit <http://www.lavenpublishing.com/fortblissmonitor.html> on the Web.

Fort Lewis:

The Northwest Guardian reported July 20 that Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody visited Fort Lewis July 11, to observe training and speak with Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

He informed the Soldiers of many of the improvements they can expect on Fort Lewis and in the Army, ranging from barracks renovations to newer, better equipment.

"If you stay with us for a while, you're going to see this with time," Cody said to Soldiers of Company C, 4-9 Inf., before they conducted training. "Our first priority was getting you the best equipment."

For more on this story and other Fort Lewis, Wash., news visit <http://www.nwguardian.com/> on the Web.

Fort Sill:

The Cannoneer reported July 20 that Ricky Alan Law, the Lawton man charged with first-degree murder in the baseball-bat slaying of Alexander "Brandon" Acosta II last December, pleaded guilty to the charge Tuesday in the courtroom of Comanche County District Judge Gerald F. Newirth and was sentenced to life in prison.

For more on this story and other Fort Sill, Okla., news visit <http://www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm> on the Web.

1st Army commander visits MiTTs

By Gary Skidmore

Command Information Officer



Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré

Maj. Jason Pardue and Sgt. 1st Class David Dean now know how to survive a roll over in a "Humvee." It's part of the training they're receiving as they prepare to deploy to Iraq with their Military Transition Team.

According to Capt. Michael Volpe, 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support), who was in charge of the Combat Driving course, the Soldiers, sailors and airmen getting out of the

vehicle learn to get out ready to fight. "This training increases survivability for our teams by up to 250 percent," he said.

Additionally, the teams are learning more about the culture and customs of the Iraqi's and how to work through an interpreter which will make working together much easier in the future.

Visiting the training on one of the hottest days of the year, Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, 1st Army commander said the Soldiers, sailors and airmen going through the training will eventually

become assistants to the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi military infrastructure, preventing entire brigades of American Soldiers from having to deploy back to Iraq.

"They are training hard and they are training like they are going to fight," he said as he motioned to the sun, referring to the near century mark on the thermometer.

"The Iraqi's need tanks, they need trucks and they need mechanics," Honoré said. "They need a base of operations to operate out of. Our sol-

diers are helping them develop those capabilities and give them the capability as an army to act independently."

Honoré said the transition teams enable the Iraqi battalions, brigades and divisions to operate independently and help in keeping more American units from having to deploy to Iraq.

"This is a combat multiplier of enormous proportions for the Iraqi army," said Honoré speaking of the 11-man teams. "We're able to train

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Spc. Biron Miller, Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA fires his 50-cal. at target downrange during motorized gunnery training July 18.

Soldiers train for upcoming deployment

By Anna Morelock

Staff writer

In five-vehicle convoys, the Soldiers of Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery took to the range July 18 for motorized gunnery training in preparation for their deployment to Iraq this fall as a security force company.

The first two vehicles rolled up, shot test rounds and continued down Range 18 to practice securing intersections along the route. As the "Humvees" rumbled along, to their eleven o'clock, a black plywood pick-



Through the window of a "Humvee," Soldiers can see another truck in their squad pulling up to an intersection. The Soldiers of Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA were at the range July 18 for motorized gunnery training. The training is part of their preparation to deploy to Iraq as a security force company in the fall.

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'Diehards' take over NTC as 'Trailblazers'

1st Engineer Battalion

Its call sign has temporarily changed, but the 1st Engineers Battalion is still the oldest and most decorated engineer battalion in the Army.

When the Soldiers left Fort Riley they were "Diehards." Upon arrival at the National Training Center July 5, they became the "Trailblazers." The temporary call sign change is due to the engineer's upcoming deployment in support of Opera-

tion Iraqi Freedom and their relationship with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

The newly christened engineers' torch party, consisting of Soldiers from each company, arrived at NTC the first day. The advance party arrived a day later. Both parties then joined forces to prepare for the main body of troops to arrive July 7 in order to train for their upcoming deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"With an impending deploy-

ment to Iraq looming, this NTC rotation could not have come at a better time," wrote Capt. Joseph Wilkerson, Forward Support Company commander, in the "Trailblazer" newsletter from NTC. "The company is developing into a more cohesive and experienced unit over the course of the training exercise. The Soldiers amaze me with their dedication, proficiency and professionalism."

Upon reaching the arid training center, where the average temper-

ature is 108 degrees Fahrenheit, the Soldiers conducted rail downloads when not hampered by severe thunderstorms, convoy operations from Yermo, Calif., and established sleeping areas. The main body of "Trailblazer" Soldiers arrived and seven days later the equipment was down-loaded, drawn and base camp security upgrades complete at Forward Operating Base Santa Fe.

"The motivation of the Soldiers

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Relief in sight for K-18 traffic

Community chimes in on possible routes

Alison Kohler

Asst. Comm. Rel. Officer

A concern about safety coupled with an increase in traffic has prompted the Kansas Department of Transportation to facilitate a plan to create a \$90-million freeway on K-18 Highway from Ogden to Manhattan.

"The traffic will only continue to grow with the growth of Fort Riley. That's the reason for the freeway," said Greg Weather, HNTB Corporation project manager.

Because construction money in upcoming budgets is already spoken for, construction to improve K-18 cannot begin until at least 2010, according to Chris Hess, public involvement liaison for KDOT. "We're looking at at least four years," he said.

He said the traffic forecasts would still be valid by then. Traffic forecasts predict an increase of approximately 2,000 to 3,000 vehicles on K-18 between Ogden and Manhattan by the year 2010. According to Weather, the portion of K-18 from Ogden to Manhattan currently carries more traffic than I-70 from Manhattan to Junction City.

Hess said he thought people have wanted something different with K-18 and the changes were considered a few years ago after concerns about safety. The second concern has been the influx of people, he said. "It was resurrected because of Fort Riley," he said.

The first public meeting held July 19 at the Manhattan Regional Airport provided graphs and aerial views of the proposed options for community members to review. The graphs showed six proposed alignments, but two of the alignments are not under consideration any longer because of encroachment issues on Fort Riley land and the airport's master plan.

Although the meeting did not have a formal presentation, stations were set up to give community members an opportunity to record verbal comments or handwritten comments.

In the fall, there will be another public meeting where one preferred alignment will be presented. Weather said Fort Riley Boulevard will remain intact in one of the plans, the red alignment.

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'Big Red One' Soldiers, veterans meet at reunion, trade stories, build tradition

By Robert K. Timmons
4th IBCT Public Affairs

PHOENIX — With the 1st Infantry Division headquarter's return to Fort Riley only weeks away, members of the Big Red One Association met July 12-16 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix for its 88th Annual Reunion.

Troopers past and present mingled discussing the current condition of the division and to reminisce about times past.

Sgt. David Grindle, operations NCO for Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman, the division sergeant major, attended his second reunion and said the event was important on many levels.

"(The reunion) brings camaraderie between current active-duty Soldiers and the older veterans," the veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom II said. "It also shows the camaraderie between the veterans who are still hanging tight and taking care of each other."

Grindle said this made him think of how small the Army community is.

"It reminds me that the Army is a small world," he said. "It is a different society all to itself. Even when we get out of the Army, a lot of our battle buddies that we serve with in and out of combat we keep in touch with."

"It was an amazing experience," said Pfc. Jon M. Dorsey, an infantryman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, "being able to meet the ones



4th IBCT/Timmons

"Big Red One" Soldiers, veterans and families mingled at the Division's reunion in Phoenix, Ariz., July 12-16.

(who) set the outstanding tradition of the Big Red One and passed it on to my generation."

Dorsey, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's Soldier of the Year, said meeting the veterans was a profound experience for him.

"We, the Big Red One, are known as one of the best fighting forces in history because of the traditions that we carry from World War One on down," he added. "To talk to those who set that standard is amazing to me."

Having the reunion is a great way to build tradition, said one veteran.

"This is a wonderful thing," said Walt Morton, who served in Vietnam with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment from June 1967 to June 1968. "It builds military tradition and lets the guys know they have done a wonderful job."

During the ceremony, attendees took time out to remember their fallen comrades; go on various tours around Phoenix; and hold a

banquet where current 1st ID Soldiers and noncommissioned officers of the year were recognized.

During his keynote speech, Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hunzeker, 1st ID commander, after speaking about how the veterans embodied the Army values said, "the generation of today, they deserve our respect. If we don't give it to them, then shame on us because they are one of the greatest generations we have in uniform."

Grindle said he could see the generations' respect for each other.

"When talking to veterans about my battle experiences and their battle experiences you notice a lot of similarities," Grindle said. "But the greatest thing I see is the respect that it shown from both sides for the other generations."

Along with Hunzeker, Fourhman, Col. Ricky D. Gibbs, 4th IBCT commander, and Sgt. Maj. Mark Lahan, 4th IBCT operations sergeant major, represented active-duty Soldiers at the head table.

Staff Sgt. Randall Eddy, 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade and runner-up III Corps NCO of the Year; Pfc. John Hawron, Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade, III Corps Soldier of the Year; Staff Sgt. Juan A. Pepi, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th IBCT, Brigade NCO of the year; and Dorsey were honored during the banquet.

The 89th Annual Big Red One reunion is scheduled to take place in St. Louis.

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ITAM Conference:

Fort Riley has been selected by the Department of the Army to host the annual Integrated Training Area Management and Range Officer workshop August 7-11. On August 10, approximately 500 DA civilians, contractors, representatives from other U.S. agencies and representatives from Canada, Great Britain and South Africa will come to Fort Riley to take part in a field day. During the field day, participants will visit various range sustainment demonstrations, museums and training sites on post. Other events during the conference will be held at Kansas State University.

Office Closing:

Legal Assistance and the Claims Office in the office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed August 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Division Transfer of Authority Ceremony. Both offices will reopen at 1 p.m.

Old Bill's Toastmasters:

Old Bill's Toastmasters is sponsoring a membership drive. A meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., August 17, at Fire Station #2, 2245 Lacy Drive, Junction City. Old Bill's Toastmasters meets the first and third Thursday of the month. Anyone from the Fort Riley and

Junction City community interested in building their leadership skills and overcoming the fear of public speaking is welcome to attend. Meetings are always free and open to the general public. Old Bill's Toastmasters is non-profit organization that promotes a positive learning environment. For specific information about the meeting and directions call Jim Hill at 761-1130. For general information about how Toastmasters can help you, visit www.toastmasters.org on the web.

Change of Command:

Col. Michael P. Courts, commander, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support), will relinquish command in a ceremony at 9 a.m. August 4 at Cavalry Parade Field. The incoming commander is Col. James M. Marye. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at King Field House.

Retirement:

Lois Zubrod, receptionist of the radiology department at Irwin Army Community Hospital will retire after almost 26 years of service. An open house reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. July 31 in the IACH radiology department for those who would like to wish her well as she begins retired life.

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Environmental Training:

Environmental Team Training: Environmental team training certifies environmental team leaders and members on how to safely handle hazardous materials and waste handling as well as spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties. For more information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with your battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

Class begins at 9 a.m. each day, August 7-8 and August 21-22 in Room 6, building 407. The course lasts two days.

Environmental Team Training Refresher: This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team training course.

Class starts at 9 a.m. on August 14, in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts 2.5 hours. For more information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with your battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

Battery Hazard Awareness Training (Code Name Lithium): Code Name Lithium course is designed for key personnel who in the course of their duties receive, store, issue and then transport lithium batteries for disposal. This course includes training on the characteristics and hazards associated with the various types of lithium batteries used on Fort Riley. This course also includes training on health, safety and personal protective equipment when handling lithium batteries. This is highly recommended by the Communication and Electronics Command. Class starts at 10 a.m. every Wednesday of each month in Building 1930 at Camp Funston. This class lasts one hour. For more information or to enroll in this class, call 239-2305/0446 or check with your battalion schools noncommissioned officer.



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Transition Team members learn to get out of a rolled "Humvee" fast and ready to fight during training.

Honoré

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their battalions, brigades and divisions so we don't have to send more Americans to Iraq.

Honoré said the teams currently being deployed to assist the Iraqi military are similar to the Special Forces teams deployed to Vietnam in the early 1960s, but said the Army used lessons learned and incorporated them

into today's teams.

Honoré said currently the 2nd brigade, 91st Division is training the MiTT teams but the mission will eventually be turned over to the 1st Infantry Division. "We will give Gen. (Carter) Ham all the support he needs from 1st Army," said Honoré.

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Foreign troops aide in IED training at Funston

Sgt. Zachary Shumway
Task Force Dagger PA

Two members of the improvised explosive device task force in Iraq recently visited Fort Riley's military transition team training compound at Camp Funston to help refine IED training for deploying Soldiers.

Both Lt. Cmdr. Steve Bliss, of the Royal Australian navy, and Sgt. Maj. Stephen Thorn, of the British army, are members of Task Force Troy, the coalition's primary organization responsible for responding to the IED threat in Iraq. In order to help coalition Soldiers stay ahead of insurgent tactics, Bliss and Thorn visited the military transition team training facility run by 2nd "Dagger" Brigade, 91st Training Division, to update and assess IED training.

"Training the trainer is the best way to get the word out," Bliss said. He said because the American force in Iraq is so large it is impractical for a few IED experts to train the entire force. Instead he notes, the best way to disseminate counter IED methods is to train Soldiers ranking from specialists to sergeants who will continuously spread counter IED methods.

"Our mission here is to assess and evaluate the IED training that 2nd Brigade is doing to ensure American Soldiers receive top rate training before their insertion in theater," Thorn said.

1-361st Engineer "Redhawk" Battalion is the "Dagger" Brigade's primary element responsible for IED training on Fort Riley. "Redhawk" Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Maison said, "Task Force Troy conducted a mobile training team visit to review our program and how we train. During this review [we] exchanged ideas and lessons learned to better prepare us to perform our jobs and to enhance our communication skills."

Maison said that both Bliss and Thorn were extensively experienced in dealing with IEDs. "We are using the expertise of the Soldiers who visited us to gain another level of certification, thus, enhancing our ability to conduct training," he said.

Task Force Troy uses United Kingdom soldiers because of their previous experiences with IEDs, Thorn said. "American experience with IEDs is in its infancy, whereas the British army has had decades of experience fighting the Irish."

Thorn has completed two tours

in Iraq and is currently deployed on his third one. He says the greatest threat facing Coalition Forces in Iraq is posed by IEDs, and he believes his expertise in locating IEDs before they go off can limit that threat.

Bliss said Coalition Forces continue refining their training and awareness to stay ahead of the new threats posed by updated insurgent tactics. "We are teaching the whole spectrum of IED technology because not all IEDs are the same," Thorn said. "The goal is to make sure the counter-IED operator knows what to do and how to do it when he sees and IED."

The information provided by Task Force Troy will augment "Redhawk" Battalion's ability to train Soldiers deploying to Iraq, Maison said. "The information we received from Task Force Troy was very valuable and will enhance the quality of training we conduct here at Fort Riley."

"I think that 2nd Brigade's training is excellent. This is the type of training that should have been established years ago as a proactive program to counter the IED threat," Bliss said.

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up truck and dismounted troops popped up behind a hill. The gunners in the lead trucks opened fire, pumping live 50 caliber rounds into the targets.

"Bring it up," shouted Observer, Controller Sgt. 1st Class George Parker, from the open bed of the "Humvee." The gunner, Spc. Biron Miller, moved the gun into position. In the distance, the flashes of red and trails of smoke in the dust moved up to connect with the target.

The convoy moved on. The Soldiers encountered more pop-up targets and dismounted. As they dropped to one knee, shots rang out and the targets down-range went down one by one.

Back in the vehicles, the convoy motored on. To the left, a pop sounded and dust flew through the air.

"You've been hit in the face," Parker yelled to Miller as the improvised explosive device detonated.

Miller with his hands to his face sunk to the floor of the "Humvee." As the truck drove on,

radios crackling with reports of the casualties, Miller's condition worsened. He's not breathing, Parker shouted to the other Soldiers in the truck. "Who knows CPR?"

Spc. Johnny Casarez, the driver, quickly switched places with Spc. Hobart Carter and began compressing Miller's chest. His pulse is gone, Parker informed the Soldiers. After a few minutes of CPR Miller was given the okay, but still needed to be brought to medical attention.

Things can go from bad to worse quickly when the Soldier's don't react, Parker said as the "Humvee" completed its mission.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Holthus, a vehicle commander, said getting the Soldiers in the right frame of mind was part of the challenge and purpose of the training.

"Normally we're in Paladins and shooting artillery," he said. "This stuff is totally different."

Soldiers feel more protected rolling in the Paladins, which have more armor and don't sit as close to the ground, Holthus said.

"Here we've got the total opposite." The Soldiers have to get used to being vulnerable and get in the right frame of mind.

The Battery D Soldiers, along with the six other deploying SECFOR companies have been preparing for their upcoming deployment all summer. While in Iraq, the SECFOR companies' mission will be to secure logistics convoys throughout Iraq.

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Spc. Johnny Casarez performs CPR on Spc. Biron Miller in the back of their "Humvee." During 1st Bn. 5th FA's motorized gunnery training, the pair's vehicle was struck by an IED sending "shrapnel" flying into Miller's face according to their Observer/Controller Sgt. 1st Class George Parker.

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Transition team training brings Iraq to Kansas

By Jennifer Thacker
Task Force Dagger PA

The temperature soared to over one hundred degrees and the summer sun beat down on the earth scorching the villagers, the buildings and the team of Soldiers patrolling on the nearby dirt road. The scene could have been taking place in Iraq rather than the simulated village of Al Hawaej at Fort Riley. That was exactly the point of the exercise.

The Military Transition Team patrolled the Al Hawaej and conducted building searches as part of the theater immersion training given by the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support) from Fort Carson, Colo.

"The main objective of the exercise is for the teams to understand moving in an urban environment, and entering and clearing a building with civilians and insurgents," said Capt. Cody Beck, the officer in charge of the exercise.

Beck and his instructors have all spent time in Iraq. "We've walked the patrols and dealt with the Iraqi Army as well as civilians on the battlefield," he said. "We try to create the most realistic training."

During the exercise, teams were required to conduct a patrol through the village and search all buildings. Once they entered a building, the Soldiers had to clear all rooms, stairways, hallways, floors and balconies.



A MTT Soldier reacts to a sniper while doing a cordon and search in the simulated village of Al Hawaej at Fort Riley, Kan.

"Most Iraqi houses have furniture, food and trash all over the place. What Soldiers need to understand is how all of that is going to affect their mission," Beck said. "It's going to affect entering the house and dealing with the civilians and insurgents. There is also a lot of small arms fire that comes from balconies because insurgents can see Soldiers coming up the roads," he said.

As the Soldiers entered the town they encountered contracted role players. The role-players help Soldiers learn to deal not only with Iraqi civilians, but with insurgents as well. The MTT's tough job is determining who is a threat and who is not.

According to Beck, "the toughest job for a Soldier is to be able to separate a combatant from a non-combatant. It's something you can't write a manual about."

Beck added that these skills are developed using instinct and by continuous training and practice. It is important that Soldiers learn "how to deal with civilians and insurgents using interpreters and questioning to be able to root out the enemies," he said.

After clearing and securing the buildings and the village, the Soldiers conducted an after action review to discuss what they did well and what they need to work

on.

"It was a good experience and great training for any Soldier to go through," said Sgt. Michael Lewis, one of the trainees. "This is as close as it is going to get to the real thing. The more and more we go over this the better and better we get. If this is what we have to do to get Soldiers home then I am willing to do this over and over again."

"Building relationships with our Iraqi counterparts while in Iraq is the most important thing we are going to do," said Maj. Steven Carroll, transition team leader. "Running realistic training like this and running into Iraqi role players is key."

Carroll was pleased with the accomplishments of his team following the village scenario. "Our interaction with the civilians on the battlefield is exactly where it should be," he said.

Building clearing was the first step in collective training for the squads and teams working together as a cohesive unit, Beck said.

The Soldiers will be able to put their team building skills to the test when they incorporate all blocks of their training into a three-day mission readiness exercise at the conclusion of the training cycle.

Beck said this training "is just a small but important piece of a much bigger operation."

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Warrant officer boards:

The Next and last board for FY 06 is this coming September, and the following Warrant Officer MOSs are in critical need for this board:

- 215D Geospatial Information Technician = 21U and 21S
- 311A CID Special Agent = 31D
- 350Z Attaché Technician = All MOSs with ASI 7
- 351I Counterintelligence Technician = 97B
- 351M Human Intelligence Collection Technician = 97E
- 352P Voice Intercept Technician (Korean) = 98G
- 352S Non Morse Intercept Technician = 98K
- 880A Marine Deck Officer = 88K
- 890A Ammunition Technician = 89B and 89D
- 913A Armament Repair Technician = 45B, 45G, and 45K
- 914A Allied Trades Technician = 44B and 44E
- 921A Airdrop Systems Technician = 92R

The Warrant Officer Career Center is giving credit for BNCO, ANCO, and PLDC/WLC graduates towards WOCS, instead of 6 weeks and 4 days, the class will be 4 weeks and 4 days as of January 1.

For more information on becoming a U.S. Army Warrant Officer, please go to our official Web site www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or you can send an e-mail directly to wo-team@usarec.army.mil if you have specific questions.

Best of America:

The Best of America by Horseback television segment filmed at Fort Riley in November 2005 will air the week of Aug. 9 as part of the "Lakeview Plantation" show on RFD (Rural Family Development) Channel 379 on DirecTV and on Dish TV Channel 9409. No time was available.

Singapore soldiers check out 'best video game'

Rick Evestone, one of the combat arms simulations training instructors at the Marksmanship Training Facility, helps members of the Singapore Armed Forces become oriented on using the Engagement Skills 2000 weapons trainer.

35th ID PAO/
Grosdidier



By James Grosdidier
35th Inf. Div. PAO

Fifty-nine members of the 6th Infantry Division, Singapore Armed Forces, visited Fort Riley July 11 and toured its state-of-the-art Army training sites.

The Singaporeans are in Kansas as part of Tiger Balm 2006 training exercise being hosted by the 35th Infantry Division at Fort Leavenworth.

This is the 26th Tiger Balm exercise. Every year it alternates between Singapore and a U.S. site. The purpose of the exercise is to exchange professional knowledge and foster goodwill between the U.S. Army and the SAF.

While at America's Warfighting Center, the SAF soldiers trained on Abrams tank and Bradley Fighting Vehicle simulators. They also toured the Marksmanship Training Facility where they engaged digitally projected targets with modified M16 rifles.

One Singaporean soldier said the simulators were like playing "the best video game in the world."

The Singaporeans also toured the Kansas National Guard's Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site at Fort Riley. People manning the MATES facility maintain and store equipment until such time as Kansas Guard units need it for training.

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Soldiers encouraged to safeguard property

By Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With hurricane season in full-swing, military officials are encouraging servicemembers who don't own their own homes to purchase renters insurance to protect their personal property.

"Hurricane season is now upon us. We urge you, particularly if you live in an area prone to nature's fury, to examine how prepared you are to protect your family financially," Air Force Secretary Michael W. Wynne stated in a recent letter to airmen regarding personal financial management.

Wynne said one of the lessons learned from the 2005 hurricane season is that it is important to assess insurance needs sooner rather than later.

"Too many of our teammates, including retirees, were caught unprepared and now are bearing an avoidable financial burden," he said. "All Air Force members, whether living on base or off, should consider their family's needs for adequate personal property (renters) insurance."

Wynne said airmen should make a detailed inventory of their personal property and also should

consider purchasing flood insurance, which is not part of standard homeowner or renter insurance policies. "Chance favors the prepared," he said.

The commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard also sent out a message to all Coast Guardsmen urging them to protect their property with insurance.

As a result of hurricanes in 2005, Coast Guard members living in government housing filed more than 650 personal property claims totaling almost \$700,000 in damages. The amount paid via the Coast Guard claims process is typically a fraction of the actual cost to replace damaged items, Coast Guard officials said.

Insurance providers such as GEICO and USAA also strongly recommend servicemembers get renters insurance. Most policies cover renters of all types, including those living in apartments, dorms or base housing.

"Renters insurance has become a high priority communication for senior military leaders," Michael Kelly, USAA executive director of military communications, said.

"In addition, the Navy is now requiring those occupying military housing to sign a form stating they were advised of the need for renters insurance prior to occupy-

ing military housing."

Renters insurance is relatively inexpensive compared to the amount of property that could be lost due to severe weather, said Judy Davis, director of GEICO's homeowner sales department. Davis also pointed out that most renter policies are easily transferable from state to state with a simple phone call. This is especially helpful to servicemembers since they frequently relocate, she said.

"When you move within the United States you don't have to take out another policy, you simply report a change of address to us and update all the information," Davis said. "I think that's important to military because many of them move a lot."

Servicemembers having personal financial safeguards, such as renters insurance, in place helps the military meet its responsibilities, because such planning prevents distractions to military members, Wynne said.

"Although we often see our professional life in a very disciplined way, we sometimes don't realize how our personal well-being affects our job performance," he said. "When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the joint team."

Post, Army news briefly

Speaking opportunities:

Operation Tribute to Freedom's Welcome Back to School initiative is looking for ROTC graduates of certain colleges who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan and who would be willing to participate in campus opportunities, including speaking and recognition events.

Colleges and universities interested in hosting active duty military members at such events are Alabama A&M University, North Carolina A&T State, Tuskegee University, Elizabeth City State University, Florida A&M University, Saint Augustine's College, Fort Valley State University, Howard University, Southern University and A&M College, Bowie State University, Morgan State University, Alcorn State University, Lincoln University, Central State University, Prairie View A&M, Hampton University, Virginia State University, Norfolk State University and West Virginia State College.

Any officer interested should send e-mail to april.blackmon@riley.army.mil.

Responses must include the Soldier's name, contact information and bio with brief deployment history.

Office closed:

The Office of the Inspector General will be closed on July 28 for an Organization Day. For more information, contact Theresa Stiner or Dixie

Hostetter at 239-9314.

College enrollment:

Through Fort Riley's Education Services, Barton County Community College, one of the seven colleges offering classes on post, will host an enrollment and advising day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 10 in Building 7604 on Custer Hill.

New and returning students will be able to enroll in upcoming classes, receive advisement on degree plans and courses and meet the faculty.

For more information, call Adelina Morales at Education Services, 239-6481, or BCCC's Samantha Smith at 717-3162.

JAG applications:

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense, if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2007 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of Army Regulation 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1.

Interested officers should contact the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate's Office at 239-2217 for more information.

Leadership change:

Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble, garrison command sergeant major at Fort Riley, retired during the post's monthly retirement ceremony July 26 at Ware Parade Field.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Mathews, former 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, command sergeant major, assumed the duties during a 9 a.m. change of responsibilities ceremony June 14 at Ware Parade Field.

Noble served as a drill sergeant, senior drill sergeant and operations sergeant at Fort Knox, Ky., as well as command sergeant major for 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, at Fort Riley.

He served as the garrison command sergeant major beginning in May 2003.

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Sunday Roman Catholic Mass takes place at Morris Hill Chapel 9 to 10:15 a.m. and historic St. Mary's Chapel 11 a.m. to noon. For information on Soldier and family member religious education and sacramental preparation classes, call 239-4815.

Lutheran

Traditional Lutheran Liturgical worship takes place Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon at Normandy Chapel. Services follow the Lutheran Book of Worship format with traditional piano accompaniment. Communion is shared almost every Sunday.

Gospel Protestant

A Gospel takes place at Morris Hill Chapel Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday School is taught beginning at 9:30 a.m. The preaching of the Word of God and music in the gospel tradition is an integral part of worship. A variety of Soldier and family religious education and week night programs are scheduled. For more information, call 239-4814.

Tradition/Blended Protestant

This community oriented

worship takes place Sundays from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Worship combines traditional hymns with a Praise Band consisting of guitar and drum. For information about religious education programs, call 239-6597.

Traditional Protestant

Tradition oriented service with an evangelical bent takes place at Normandy Chapel on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The service uses hymns from the revivalist tradition and worship is patterned after a conventional Baptist format. Piano music accompanies hymns.

Contemporary Protestant

Drums, guitars and praise songs in an informal setting characterize worship taking place at Kapaun Chapel from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays. Soldiers and young families are the target audience for these worship services.

Liturgical Protestant Tradition

The one-hour service begins at 9 a.m. in historic St. Mary's Chapel, 3 Barry Avenue.

For more information, call 239-5711 or 239-3359.

'Trailblazers'

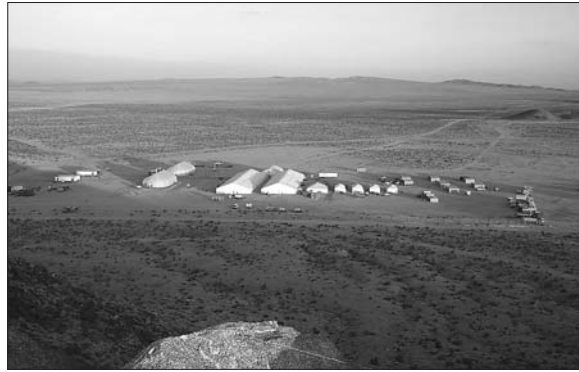
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is high as they work and train from day to day, despite the long hours spent in 120 degree weather," wrote Capt. Carl Wohlfeil, 41st Mobility Augmentation Company commander.

Most units spend some time on main post before going into "the box" at NTC. Not the "Trailblazers." Thanks to forward planning, the unit was able to contract the construction of its FOB prior to arrival. Once at the training center, the 1st Eng. Bn. Soldiers immediately occupied FOB Santa Fe, their new home for the next month. The FOB consists of basic life support systems: tents, latrines, and showers. The unit added a motor pool, mess hall, and field kitchen.

The battalion will spend the rest of its time in the box conducting live fire exercises, situational training exercise lanes, urban operations and route clearance missions before returning home to spend time with family and friends before their deployment to Iraq.

"All of the Soldiers are having a great time and send their best wishes to their friends and families," wrote Lt. Col. David D. Theisen, battalion commander,



Courtesy photo

A bird's eye view of Forward Operating Base Santa Fe at the National Training Center where the 1st Engineer Battalion is preparing for its upcoming deployment to Iraq.

and Command Sgt. Maj. James Benton. "We all look forward to completing this challenging training and returning to spend valuable time with loved ones."

compiled from the 1st Engineer Battalion's newsletter from the National Training Center, "The Trailblazer."

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Pentagon display honors military chaplains

By Steven Donald Smith
AFPS

WASHINGTON — A new display commemorating the service of military chaplains was dedicated June 23 in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

"This ceremony commemorates the unselfish ministry of a group of unsung heroes in the Department of Defense — our military chaplains and assistant chaplains," David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said during the exhibit dedication ceremony in a refurbished portion of the building's fifth floor A ring.

The display, the first in the Pentagon to specifically honor chaplains, consists of four backlit panels that highlight the accomplishments and service of military chaplains since the American Revolution.

More than 7,500 chaplains, chaplains' assistants and religious program specialists are serving around the world. These chaplains represent more than 200 religious organizations, officials said.

Defense Department officials said the chaplaincy ministry exists to provide the constitutionally guaranteed right to exercise religion.

The ceremony included scripture readings from Christian, Jewish and Muslim chaplains.

"Ministers, rabbis, imams and spiritual leaders of these organizations are endorsed to serve as military chaplains," Chu said. "We are thankful to the extraordinary partnership that exists between the churches of our land and Department of Defense to make the chaplaincy work."

Chu said the history of the United States has deep spiritual and religious roots. "Since our country's inception, freedom of religious expression has been one of the chief cornerstones," he said.

One of the exhibit's display panels includes an excerpt from a letter written by George Washington that includes observations about the importance of chaplains. "For want of a chaplain does, I humbly conceive, reflect dishonor upon the regiment," the letter states.

"So we can say that George Washington recognized the value of chaplains in the military," Chu said.

Eight chaplains and one chaplains' assistant have received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor. Four of these recipients were chaplains who died aboard the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* during World War II. A German torpedo struck the ship in waters south of Greenland in 1943. As the ship sank the four chaplains — two protestant ministers, a Jewish rabbi and a Roman Catholic priest — gave up their life jackets to save others.

"Two things in that moving story give insight into our military chaplains. One is their cooperation across faith lines," Chu said. "The other is their sacrificial spirit."

Chu said present-day chaplains are just as selfless as those of past generations.

"Religious chaplains of today are making history on 21st century battlefields, at remote outposts, on ships at sea, in dangerous operations overseas and here at home," he said. "In a world in which religious differences and tensions often lead to bloodshed, the chaplains of our armed forces demonstrate remarkable cooperation and willingness to serve in the pluralistic setting of our military."

Cadets get taste of 'real' Army

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

For a month, U.S. Military Academy Cadets Karl Heineman and Aaron Fairman will get a taste of what it's like to be an Army officer.

As a part of Cadet Troop Leader Training, Heineman, Fairman and other West Point cadets are at Fort Riley from July 10 to August 14 shadowing second lieutenants in several 1st Brigade and 4th Brigade units.

Before heading to their assignments the cadets got to rank the posts they'd like to go to and the branches to which they would like to be assigned. They also chose whether they would like to be

assigned by rank or branch. Heineman and Fairman both wanted to work with an armor battalion no matter where that choice sent them. It sent them both to Fort Riley to become a part of 1st Battalion, 34th Armor.

"I was sort of disappointed where we got here and found out there's not even a tank on post," Heineman said of his arrival.

Despite the lack of armor, the cadets are still getting their fair share of training. The Army's changing and the cadets are getting to experience some of that by participating in training exercises with their battalion, Fairman said.

Throughout their month-long assignment the two cadets have participated in various individual weapons ranges, "Humvee" train-

ing, convoy situational exercises and simulator training.

It was nice to see the structure of things first hand, Fairman said. "It gives you a lot better idea of the job you're going to have," Heineman agreed. "You've got a captain who's in charge of an entire company here," he added, "where as back at West Point, captains are a dime a dozen. It gives you a real appreciation of stuff and how it trickles down."

Besides being out in the field, the cadets have also gotten a first hand look at the administrative side of life at Fort Riley by participating in planning and a practice counseling session with Soldiers.

At West Point the cadets get excellent military instruction, but assigned to 1st Bn., 34th Armor,

the cadets are getting a good perspective on how it actually works, Heineman said.

Besides adjusting to life in the "real" Army, the two cadets are also adjusting to life in Kansas.

"It's hot," Heineman, who hails from Trenton, Mich., said of the prairie summer. Fairman is used to the heat coming from San Bernardino, Calif., and said he is having a "great experience" and getting to see a place he's never been.

The two cadets will commission and start their Army careers at the end of May 2007.

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ment, except where there will be freeway interchanges southeast of Ogden, south of the airport and at the intersection of Eureka Drive and Scenic Drive.

Weather said he has been meeting with representatives from the Directorate of Public Works and the main concern they voiced was getting into Ogden and moving troops to the airport for deployments.

A few local farmers voiced their concerns about the green alignment, because it moves the highway the farthest south of the airport where much of their land is located. "The green alignment is the most invasive to homes and businesses," Weather said.

Other community members who worked in emergency response said they are familiar with the safety concerns, because they have responded to many crashes particularly at the Scenic Drive and Wildcat Creek Road intersections.

"The thing I want everyone here to know is traffic is increasing and the fort's growing. We have to provide a way for people to get where they want to go safely," Weather said.

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Sports news in brief

Gymnastics camps:

Gymnastics summer camps will be held at the Middle School Teen Center Gym for children ages 3 to 18. The camps will be held July 31-Aug. 4 and Aug. 7-11. Camps run 10-10:55 a.m. for 3- to 5-year-olds, cost \$45; 11-11:55 a.m. for 6- to 8-year-olds, cost \$45; and noon to 1:30 p.m. for 9- to 18-year-olds, cost \$55. Call 239-4847 for appointment to register for class.

King Field House:

July 28 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Spinning
July 29 – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Spinning
July 30 – 2 to 4 p.m., Family skate at Riley Wheels
July 31 – 9 to 10 a.m., Spinning
July 31 – noon to 1 p.m., Yoga
July 31 – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Turbo Kick
July 31 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Total Body Toning
August 1 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., PT Power Time
August 1 – 6 to 7 p.m., Spinning
August 2 – 9 to 10 a.m., Spinning
August 2 – noon to 1 p.m., Yoga

August 3 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Spinning
August 3 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Spinning
August 3 – 9 to 10 a.m., Turbo Kick
For more information, call 239-2813.

Eyster pool:

July 31 – Session III (August 14-25) Swim lesson sign up begins
July 31 – 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Abs, Buns and Thighs
August 1 – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Water Aerobics
August 1 – 5 to 6 p.m., Water Aerobics
August 2 – 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Abs, Buns and Thighs
August 3 – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Water Aerobics
August 3 – 5 to 6 p.m., Water Aerobics
For more information, call 239-4854.

Junior golf:

Junior golf will be held for kids ages 5 through 18 at Custer Hill Golf Course Aug. 29 to Oct. 3. Golfers ages 5 through 10 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Golfers ages 11 through 18 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$60 for six weeks. Ten spaces will be available in each class.



Runners sprint from the starting line of the annual 10-5-2 Prairie Run as the 10- and 5-mile races begin. More than 115 runners competed in the three races July 22 at Fort Riley. *Photo/Heronemus*

Runners race for 10, 5, 2 mile wins

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

More than 115 runners stretched leg muscles, talked with friends and competitors or just thought about the long stretch of pavement that lay ahead. It was 6:30 a.m. but some competitors had arrived at King Field House before that, psyching themselves mentally for the 7 a.m.

start of the annual Fort Riley 10-5-2 Prairie Run July 22.

Runners entered in the 10-mile and 5-mile races started first; those running the 2-mile race started 10 minutes later.

For the longest race, the turnaround point would be near the Ogden gate on Huebner Road. All the runners followed the same route: King Field House to Stuart Avenue, on to Dickman Avenue to Huebner Road and the right turn-

around point, then back by the same route to King Field House.

After several days of 100-plus degree temperatures, the cool and clear Saturday morning buoyed the spirits of competitors and race staff alike. Several were overheard to say the weather couldn't be better for running.

In spite of the cool weather, running jerseys were soaked with sweat by the end of each race and one entrant in the 5-mile event

squeezed about a half cup of perspiration from his sweat band after he crossed the finish line and walked up the hill to have his entry tag removed and placed on the finish board.

Entrants ranged in age from 8 to 67 and one member of the race staff joked with a pregnant runner about "both" running a good race.

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'Dragons' set fire to 'Prairie Run'

By Robert K. Timmons
4th IBCT Public Affairs

Six Dragon Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division were among those named to represent Fort Riley at the Army Ten-Miler in October after good showings at the Prairie Run July 22.

Lt. Col. Patrick Frank, commander, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment "Black Lions" was named team captain.

Second Lt. Nathan Showman, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment "Rangers," who was also named to the team, completed the race at 1:01:17, while Frank finished close behind at 1:01:44. Frank also won the 36-44 males age group.

"Black Lions" Staff Sgt. Matthew Connelly rounded out the Dragons named to the male team with a time of 1:06:28. Five "Wolverines" from the 4-1 Infantry Brigade Special Troops Battalion finished the run at or near the top.

Leading the way was Cadet Brian Bharak, from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and currently assigned to Company B, 4-1 BSTB, who took first place overall with a time of 00:59:31. Command Sgt. Maj. James O. Foreman, Special Troops Battalion sergeant major took first in the 46-55 year old male age group with a run of 1:17:00, while Pvt. Catalina Sandoval, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4-1 BSTB, place third in her age group with a run of 1:21:41.

Sandoval qualified for the Army Ten-Miler Team with her run. Also qualifying for the team was: Sgt. 1st Class Davina

M. Goines, HHC, 4-1 BSTB, with a run of 1:20:56.

Second Lt. Ashley E. Oliver, Co. B, finished with a time of 1:28:52, but was not named to the team.

SpC. Angela Hernandez, HHC, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, had the fastest time of the females named to the team by running a 1:10:30.

Soldiers qualify for Army Ten-Miler

The following Soldiers will represent Fort Riley at the Army Ten-Miler in October.

2006 Fort Riley Active Duty Open Female Team

SpC. Angela Hernandez; HHC, 610th BSB; 1:10:30.

Capt. Jenny Kirk; 1st Eng. Bn.; 1:19:27

Staff Sgt. Lisa Smith; Co. B, 101st FSB; 1:20:17

Sgt. 1st Class Davina Goines; HHC, 4th BSTB; 1:20:56

Pvt. Catalina Sandoval; HHC, 4-1 BSTB; 1:21:41

Capt. Jamie Peer; 15th PSB; 1:24:32

2006 Fort Riley Active Duty Open Male Team

2nd Lt. Nathan Showman; 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.; 1:01:17

Lt. Col. Patrick Frank (team captain); 1st Bn., 28th Inf.; 1:01:44

1st Lt. Steven Ackerson; HHB, 4th Bn., 1st FA; 1:04:19

Sgt. Ryan Gardner; Co. B, 101st FSB; 1:05:07

Capt. Mark Malcolm; OSJA, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech); 1:05:40

Staff Sgt. Matthew Connelly; HHC, 1st Bn., 28th Inf.; 1:06:28

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out their father this year. Maj. Jose Aguilar, 1st Engineer Battalion executive officer, ran the 10-miler last year while his two daughters and son ran the 2-mile race. This year, he's at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., but the kids entered the Prairie Run for the second consecutive year.

Their mother, Suzanne, said she had them run 2 miles around the golf course just to make sure they could make the distance. None had any trouble finishing well up in the pack.

Eight-year-old Joey beat his sisters, 10-year-old Allison and 11-year-old Jocelyn, but both girls weren't very far behind him. Beating his sisters wasn't Joey's motivation for sprinting up the last grade to the finish line.

"I just wanted to do my best," he said as he later sat on the curb near the finish line and clapped and shouted encouragement to one of the adult female racers the family obviously knew.

Joey said he ran faster than last year, finishing the 2 miles in 14:03 this year compared to 15:10 last year. "It wasn't that hard. The

golf course was harder," he said. Suzanne said all the children beat their times. Allison said she ran the race in "18 something" last year. This year she said her time was "in the low 16s."

Allison said she didn't feel bad about Joey and Jocelyn beating her in the race. "They're better runners," she explained.

Jocelyn quickly interjected that "she's a better sprinter," and Joey agreed, "yeah, she's really fast."

The three children don't do a lot of running, but they play a lot of sports, Suzanne said. Before the Prairie Run, they all practiced running around the golf course "five or six times," Allison said.

Bob Potter, 67, of Manhattan was familiar with the Prairie Run course. He ran the 10-miler race a couple of years ago and the 5-miler a couple of times, he said. He entered the 5-miler race this year.

Even at his age, Potter said, "if there's a race, I'm going." He admits, however, that he's not the fanatic about running he was when he was 40. Back then he would run 40 to 50 races a year. Now he runs about 15 a year, he said.



Tim Testa of Junction City finishes as overall male winner in the 10-5-2 Prairie Run 5-mile event July 22 with a time of 27:01.

Photo/Heronemus

Top runners:

10-miler overall male and female winners were:

Cadet Brian Bharak, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, 59:31
Trisha Culbertson, Manhattan, 102:18

5-miler overall male and female winners were:

Tim Testa, Junction City, 27:01
Julie Thornton, Manhattan, 33:06

2-miler overall male and female winners were:

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Heldt, USACIDC, 10:18
Meghan Hughes, Manhattan, 13:37

Softball standings

(as of July 17)

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	Wins	Losses						
HHC, 3rd BCT	0	11	HHC, 4th IBCT STB	0	2	11th Sapper Co.	7	14
Co. C, 1st Bn., 41st Inf	5	6	24th Trans. Co.	9	6	41st Eng. Co.	8	8
Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Armor	14	1	2/2 HET	4	9	72nd Eng. Co.	8	8
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor	11	4	172nd Chem. Co.	5	9	HHB/Co. A, 101st FSB	3	13
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 70th Armor	4	7	1st Maint. Co.	5	10	Co. B, 101st FSB	14	6
Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA	14	7	3/362 Armor, 2/91st	6	6	D Trp., 2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav	10	4
Svc. Btry. 4th Bn., 1st FA	8	8	CGMCG	1	3	HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech)	6	10
Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn.	13	2				15th Fin.	2	12
Co. B, 125th FSB	9	6				977th MP Co.	4	7
596th Sig. Co.	5	10				MEDDAC/DENTAC	11	4
HHC, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf.	8	8				10th ASOS	7	5
2nd Sqdn., 4th Cav	14	3				116th MP Co.	6	7
Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 32nd FA	4	12				HHB 97th MP/PMO	4	5
Co. A, 610th BSB	3	16				2nd Bn., 1st Avn.	1	1
Co. B, 610th BSB	8	6				2/356th, 2/91st	1	7
Co. C, 610th BSB	2	11						
Co. D, 610th BSB	7	3						
Co. E, 610th BSB	8	6						
Co. F, 610th BSB	1	6						
Co. G, 610th BSB	9	4						

American League								
	Wins	Losses						
HHC, 1st BCT	13	4	HHC, 1st BCT	13	4			
Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. #1	4	3	Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. #1	4	3			
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Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.	16	1	Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.	16	1			
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	14	2	HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	14	2			
Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	5	11	Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	5	11			
Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	1	13	Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor	1	13			
Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA	12	5	Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA	12	5			
HHC, 2nd Bn., 5th FA	11	3	HHC, 2nd Bn., 5th FA	11	3			
Btry. D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	13	3	Btry. D, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	13	3			
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	11	4	Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor	11	4			
HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.	4	15	HHC, 1st Eng. Bn.	4	15			
FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.	8	13	FSC, 1st Eng. Bn.	8	13			

Battalion League								
	Wins	Losses						
1st Eng. Bn.	3	9	1st Eng. Bn.	3	9			
2nd Bn., 34th Armor	9	1	2nd Bn., 34th Armor	9	1			
MEDDAC/DENTAC	6	4	MEDDAC/DENTAC	6	4			
610TH BSB	2	8	610TH BSB	2	8			

Battalion League

	Wins	Losses
1st Eng. Bn.	3	7
2nd Bn., 34th Armor	9	1
MEDDAC/DENTAC	6	4
610TH BSB	2	8





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Auto Skills:

August 3 – 6 to 7 p.m.,
Basic auto repair class
For more information call
the Automotive Skills Center
at 239-9764.

Welcome coffee:

The Fort Riley Officers' and
Civilians' Spouses' Club will
host its annual welcome coffee
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 17
at Quarters 5 on Barry Avenue
in the Main Post area of Fort
Riley.

The coffee is an open house
to greet and welcome spouses
of officers and civilian
employees in grade GS-7 and
above who are new to the Fort
Riley area. The coffee offers
newcomers an opportunity to
see what Fort Riley's OCSG is
all about and to get a glimpse
of the upcoming year's activities
and planned charity contributions.

Child care is available
through the Armed Services
YMCA and Fort Riley's Child
Development Center on a first-
come, first-served basis. Contact
Stephanie Seigel at (785)
784-4298 to review child care
policies and to make child care
reservations.

Those who wish to attend
should RSVP to their com-
mander's spouse or coffee
group or calling Holly Smith
at (785) 784-8454 by Aug. 15.

School enrollment:

All Geary County Unified
School District 475 students
who enrolled in the district last
year should soon be receiving
mail-in enrollment packets for
2006-07.

Students new to the district
and who pre-registered by
June 30 should also be receiving
mail-in enrollment pack-
ets.

Students and parents are
asked to complete and submit
enrollment information in the
self-addressed return envelope
provided in the enrollment
packet by July 28.

USD 475 enrollment cen-
ters are accepting new student
enrollments as follows:

Junction City High School,
grades 9-12, weekdays from
7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Junction City Middle
School, grades K-8, for stu-
dents living in Junction City
and Geary County, weekdays
from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fort Riley Middle School,
grades K-8, for students living
on Fort Riley, weekdays from
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Walk-in enrollment for new
students to the district also
will be conducted at all
schools, except Ware Eleme-
ntary, in USD 475 on Aug. 3.
Enrollment for Ware Eleme-
ntary, grades K-5, will be held
at Fort Riley Middle School
from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Complete details on USD
475 enrollment will appear in
the Fort Riley Post on July 28.
Enrollment information is also
available online at
www.usd475.org.

Questions regarding enroll-
ment may be directed to one
of the enrollment centers or to
the Devin Education Support
Center at 717-4000.

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"Thank You
Fort Riley" pic-
nic sponsored by
area businesses,
the McCormick
Tribune Founda-
tion and
DMWR.

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Alton Miller and County Road 5 entertain guests at the "Thank You Fort Riley" picnic July 22 at the Fort Riley Middle School.

Post/Heronemus

Soldiers, families enjoy post 'thank you' picnic

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The shindig started at 11:30 a.m. July 22. At noon, the football field at Fort Riley Middle School and an open area south of the school's gym were populated by hundreds of people.

By 1 p.m., Junction City businessman Tim Fegan said he and several other green-shirted volunteers had grilled 4,000 sausages (hot dogs), about half of what was estimated it would take to feed everyone for free.

Post families and the public gathered at the school for a brief afternoon of food, music and fun at the "Thank You Fort Riley Picnic" sponsored by the McCormick Tribune Foundation, a Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council, said the event was simply a way for the community to say "thank

you" to Fort Riley, its Soldiers and families. She rounded up about 100 volunteers from local businesses, the Geary County Veterans Alliance, the Association of the U.S. Army and citizens who said they had read or heard about the picnic and wanted to help.

Volunteers manned the food lines, the dining tent, the games and the attractions while everyone else just had a lot of fun. Larry McCoy watched his child and two friends play on one of the four inflatable attractions set up for the kids. He is married to a Soldier and works for Picerno Military Housing.

"This is an outstanding event," he said. "It's great to see the community do something for the military and their families."

McCoy knew his three charges were having fun because "they can't get enough of free rides." He suspected, however, that the green-shirted volunteers were having fun, too.

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'Night Out Against Crime' activities set

Staff report

Fort Riley's newest device for safety education debuts at the annual "Night Out Against Crime" event scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 1 at Cavalry Parade Field.

The event also features free hot dogs and a movie, "The Chronicles of Narnia," scheduled to show about 8:30 p.m. Before the movie, those who sign a pledge against crime will be given a National Night Out glow stick and glow necklaces.

This is the post's third consecutive observance of the national effort to commit neighborhoods to stay vigilant and play a role in reducing community crime. Nationwide, law enforcement officers expect more than 34 million people in thousands of communities will participate in their own versions of America's 23rd Annual National Night Out

Against Crime.

Fort Riley's event will feature several displays and activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m., including a bicycle rodeo, Sidney the Go-Cart, an inflatable obstacle course, displays telling about Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities and sexual abuse prevention, military police K-9 units and special response team demonstrations, an Ident-a-Kid booth, game warden information, veterinary services information and more. A 20-inch television and DVD player will also be given away during the event.

Officer Tom Desjardins, contact program director at Fort Riley, said he hopes to see double the participants of last year's observance. "I'm hoping for about 400 this year," he said. "I think last year they got maybe about 150 to 200 people."

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MPs pedal, promote safety Bike patrols well received by community

By Jack Lee
1st Mob. Det.

Make no mistake about it; those are real Military Police you see riding bicycles. They are just performing law enforcement activities a bit differently than MPs riding in cars.

The focus of the bike patrol is on community policing and riding bicycles increases the interaction with the citizens of Fort Riley. "Most of our stops are to talk to people," said Sgt. Kyle Smith, 977th MP Company, the current non-commissioned officer in charge of the bike patrol. In about a month, Smith will be heading to Milwaukee.

Sgt. Eric Woodward, 300th MP Co., is the new NCOIC and volunteered for the bike patrol unit. "There are very few slots for the bike patrol and it's a privilege to be chosen," Woodward



Sgt. Eric Woodward, 300th MP Co., left, and Sgt. Kenneth Morrison, 116th MP Co., at the Thank You Fort Riley Picnic held at the Fort Riley Middle School July 22. A focus of the bike patrol unit is community involvement.

trained in effective bicycle patrol tactics, but OJT plays a part, too, "and it's not all that different from patrolling in a car, we're

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Kids' drawing contest:

Operation Holidays is sponsoring a contest and fundraiser for Christmas. Children can enter drawings to be judged for selection of four winners that will be reproduced and sent to Soldiers deployed overseas this coming Christmas.

Entries will be judged in four categories: Children ages 4 to 6, ages 7 to 9, ages 10 to 13 and ages 14 to 17. Entry fees are \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$4, respectively, for each category. Entries should be sent to Operation Holidays, P.O. Box 2160, Fort Riley, KS 66442 by July 31.

First place winners in each category receive a certificate, their picture posted on the Operation Holidays Web site, drawing used as a Christmas card and a grand prize for the age group.

Second place winners also receive a certificate, will have their picture posted on the Web site and will win a prize for their age group.

Third place winners will receive a certificate and have their pictures posted on the Web site.

For more information, call (785) 717-5483.

Story time:

It's "Fractured Fairytales" at Saturday storytimes in August at the Fort Riley Post Library. All Fort Riley families are welcome to attend storytime at 1:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. every Saturday. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

August 5 - "Caroline, A Little More Red"

August 12 - "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs"

August 19 - "The Frog Prince Continued"

August 26 - "The Three Silly Billies"

The Fort Riley Library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive, on Custer Hill. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is always closed on Monday. For more information, call 239-5305.

Cheerleading class:

Cheerleading 101 will be taught from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays for children ages 6 to 10.

For more information, call 239-4847.

School Age Services:

July 28 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., field trip to Rock Springs 4-H Ranch in Geary County, 3rd through 5th grades

July 31 - 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., Arts and Crafts Center, 3rd

through 5th grades

August 1 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., swimming trip, 1st and 2nd grades

August 1 - 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., skating at Riley Wheels, 3rd through 5th grades

August 2 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., swimming trip, 3rd through 5th grades

August 2 - 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., skating at Riley Wheels, 1st and 2nd grades

August 3 - 12:30 to 5:45 p.m., field trip to K-State Bug Zoo in Manhattan, 3rd through 5th grades

August 4 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., field trip to Rock Springs Ranch, Junction City, 1st through 2nd grades

For more information, call 239-9220.

Teen Center:

July 29 - 6 to 8 p.m., Key-stone sponsored talent show

July 31 - 6 to 9 p.m., Parent advisory meeting and family potluck (Mexican theme)

August 1 - 2 to 6 p.m., swim trip

August 2 - 2 to 5 p.m., bowling trip, Custer Hill Lanes

August 4 - 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., leadership adventure course

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Rally Point:

July 28 - Family night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close

July 29 - midnight to 4 a.m., late nite hip hop with DJ Monroe

August 2 - 5 to 9 p.m., wing night, 20 cent wings; 8 p.m. to close, dance music

August 3 - 8 p.m. to close, dance music

August 4 - 5 to 8 p.m., family night; 8 p.m. to close, dance music

For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434

Child care providers:

More home childcare providers are being sought from among post residents.

Requirements to be a family child care provider include the successful completion of background clearances on all family members over age 12 living in the home, the ability to read, write and speak English effectively, the ability to interact with children in a loving, positive and developmentally appropriate manner, being 18 years of age or older and living in on-post housing.

Family Child Care holds an orientation meeting the second Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Child and Youth Services, Building 6620.

For more information, call the FCC representative at 239-9892.

Medical directives preserve patient rights

Health notes

By Jan Clark

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It is the right of every beneficiary to have an advanced medical directive. To assist Irwin Army Community Hospital beneficiaries in deciding if the AMD is in their best interest, the following information is provided.

An AMD is a written document setting forth a person's desires concerning medical care should he or she become incapable of making health care decisions on his or her own. The AMD gives another person the legal authority to make those decisions on behalf of the individual who has become mentally incapacitated.

Living wills and durable health care powers of attorney are both AMDs. The living will is a written document setting forth a person's desires concerning medical care should he become terminally ill or when his death is imminent. It may specify which medical treatments should be provided, as well as which



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medical treatments should not.

A durable health care power of attorney is a written document giving another person - known as the agent, proxy or surrogate - legal authority to make health care decisions. A person can designate a spouse, relative or good friend as his or her decision-maker. The document is valid for any period of mental incapacitation.

Patients have rights and responsibilities concerning their health care. All competent adult patients have the moral and legal right to participate in their medical care and treatment decisions and to refuse medical treatment even in life-saving or life-sustaining situations. This includes the right to prepare AMDs concerning that care.

In general, active duty patients

have the same rights as non-active duty patients. However, under various circumstances, active duty Soldiers may not refuse certain life-saving medical or surgical procedures. When an active duty Soldier refuses such treatment, the matter is referred to the office of the Staff Judge Advocate for resolution.

Guidance concerning this is covered in Army Regulation 600-20.

Information that should be stated in an AMD includes:

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation: treatment to restore breathing and heartbeat
- Dialysis: treatment to clean the blood with a machine when the kidneys do not function
- Being placed on a ventilator or breathing machine
- Giving food, water and med-

ications through tubes

- Giving pain medication and comfort care
- Donating organs

Patients are not required to have an AMD to be admitted or treated. Patients' care will not be compromised if they do not have an AMD. Patients who have an AMD must inform their primary care managers. A copy must be provided to their primary care manager or the Outpatient Records Section.

An AMD may be revoked or changed at any time.

While patients may verbally inform their PCMs they wish to change their AMD, to formally do so they may contact the Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment to see an attorney.

If patients do not have an AMD and would like one, the legal assistance office is available to provide legal advice and assist individuals in preparing one. The legal assistance is located in Building 200, Room 106, and can be reached at 239-3117.

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Support Center:

August 2 – 9 a.m. to noon, Checkbook Management, Banking Services and Basic Budget Development Class

August 2 – 1:30pm, Permanent Change of Station Briefing – Korea

August 3 – 9:30 to 11 a.m., Point of Contact Class for new Points of Contact volunteers within the Family Readiness Group. Pre-registration is required to attend the class. Free child care will be available; shot records will be required for all children. Call 239-9435 to register.

August 17 – 9 to 11 a.m., Family Readiness Group Leader Class for new FRG leaders and commanders. The class teaches the do's and don'ts of operating an effective FRG.

Pre-registration is required to attend this class. Free child care will be available; shot records will be required for all children. Call 239-9435 to register.

Vacation Bible School:

The Fort Riley chapel staffs invite all children ages 5 to 10 to the Treasure Cove Vacation Bible School. The treasure hunt will take place at Morris Hill Chapel from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 8-11.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required by July 30.

For more information, contact the directors of religious education at 239-0979 or 239-4815 or send e-mail to donald.ericson@us.army.mil or carolyn.juennemann@us.army.mil.

Adult and high school volunteers are still needed. To volunteer, call 239-4815.

School, sports physicals:

Irwin Army Community Hospital's School and Sports Physicals Fair is scheduled for July 29.

The fair is open to all children 4 years of age and older. Physical forms should be completed before the appointment time. The forms may be picked up at the hospital front desk.

Walk-ins will not be seen. Appointments can be made by calling 239-DOCS (3627).



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Sgt. Tim Turner, Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, rides a bull at the Junction City Rodeo July 21.

Soldiers 0, bulls 4 at Junction City rodeo

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

The last time Spc. Nathan Haines got on a bull he ended up with a concussion, a fractured cheekbone and a messed up knee. That was two years ago.

At the Junction City rodeo July 21, Haines dusted off his boots and tried again along with three other Fort Riley Soldiers.

Haines started riding eight years ago while in the Marine Corps. "It's more about the fun of it," he said. "It's an adrenaline rush."

After his spill two years ago riding in Ohio, Haines said he's been hesitant to get back on. "I'm really, really nervous about Friday," he said the day before his big ride. "I'm still replaying the last ride I had in my mind and trying to get over that."

But, he said, it's like riding a horse. "You fall off, you gotta get back on."

Sgt. Tim Turner the second Soldier out of the chute July 21, has also had his fair share of bull-induced bumps, bruises and broken bones in the 15 years he's been bull riding, but coming from a family of bronc riders, rodeo was a natural step for him, he said.

In high school Turner said all of his friends were bull riding. He thought it looked like fun and so he joined in. He chose bulls over broncs because he "wanted to be the odd one in the family," he said. Turner recalled sneaking behind his mom's back to practice the sport. "She wasn't too big on any of it."

Before deploying to Iraq and taking a few years off, Turner took the sport more seriously and even rode his way to a championship while stationed in Germany in 1999. "Now it's more of a hobby than anything," although he has been looking for a place in the area to practice more, he said.

Turner's hobby has cost him his four front teeth, two dislocated shoulders, three broken ribs, and a cracked shin. On his very first ride, he got kicked in the head. After all of that, Turner summed up his experiences by saying in his quiet Georgia drawl "It hurts when you crash."

First Sgt. Jason Scott started riding bulls 12 years ago, but hasn't ridden in six. He does it just for the thrill of it and is excited that his boys are interested in the sport. Although they're only 9 and 10 years old, Scott's sons have started junior bull riding. Scott says he doesn't worry about them getting injured. "They've got all the safety stuff on," he said.

Haines, Turner and Scott, all from the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, and Spc. James Spears, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, left the chute at the rodeo July 21. None of them stayed on the bucking bulls for the full eight seconds needed for the ride to count, but as Haines said, it's all about getting back into practice, getting back on again and maybe a little about showing up his fellow CGMCG Soldiers cheering from the stands.

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New DVD tackles deployment stress for military teenagers

By Elaine Wilson
Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – A new DVD aimed at reducing deployment stress for military teenagers is scheduled to be released worldwide this month. The 30-minute DVD, called "Teens Coping With Military Deployment – How's Your Family Doing?," addresses a variety of teen deployment-related concerns, including fear of injury or death, anxiety brought about by changes in the home and coping mechanisms for dealing with the

absence of a parent.

A mix of personal life experience and concern for fellow Soldiers and their families inspired Maj. Keith Lemmon to create the DVD.

"I deployed to Afghanistan (in 2002), and while I had my concerns, I thought my family would cope with my absence fairly well," said Lemmon, an adolescent medicine specialist in training at Brooke Army Medical Center.

A pediatrician with a wife experienced in the education field, Lemmon figured his family was well-equipped to recognize

signs of deployment-related depression and stress and, therefore, better able to handle the effects.

"But it soon became apparent that no one is immune," he said. During his deployment absence, his wife struggled with situational depression and his 4-year-old son was irritable and acted out.

"I was concerned, if deployment affected us this significantly with all our strengths, what might others be facing?" Lemmon said.

Shortly after his return, Lemmon became interested in the

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just on a bike," said Woodward. The bike patrol is just a part of the overall Fort Riley law enforcement effort.

On a typical day, they'll patrol all the housing areas. "We handle various complaints, get people to slow down in the housing areas, and stop and talk to the children."

"We have baseball cards to hand out to the kids," Woodward said. That interaction with the community makes a difference, too.

According to Civil Liaison Supervisor Thomas Desjardins, Community Affairs, the bicycle patrol unit is well received by the Fort Riley community. "The comments that come back to the Provost Marshal's Office are very positive," Desjardins said.

"On a regular basis, we receive requests for the bicycle patrol unit

to increase their patrols at school functions, child safety events and other large events on post," Desjardins said. They are also on the lookout for speeders.

They carry hand held radar to issue tickets, and carry radios to call for assistance, if needed. They answer a lot of questions, too.

They're akin to a moving information booth. "We'll field questions about speed limits, safety regulations and give directions to those looking for a specific area of post," said Woodward.

It's that interaction with people that made Spc. Christopher Strange, 977th MP Co., volunteer for the bike patrol. "I like working with and meeting many different people," he said. Strange was just recently assigned to the bike patrol unit and was excited about

his assignment.

He might be sore for the first few days as the bike patrol peddles their 27 speed mountain bikes 15 to 25 miles a day. "Fort Riley seems all uphill, too," lamented Strange.

The patrol generally operates during the months of March through October. "When Fort Riley schools are open, we'll visit the classrooms and watch the crosswalks," said Woodward. But, that's not all.

Children's safety is a prime concern and the bicycle patrol concentrates on the bicycle trails leading from the schools to the housing areas during the school year.

"The bicycle patrol unit is a community friendly force, there to assist the community," Desjardins said.

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effects of deployment on families. He discovered projects in the works for other age groups, including a DVD called "Mr. Po & Friends" for 6- to 12-year-olds and a preschool DVD by Sesame Street in the early stages of development.

"But there was nothing for adolescents," Lemmon said. "We decided to concentrate our efforts on that age group since there was nothing out there to address their mental-health issues in relation to deployments."

"Our goal was to reduce the anxiety and fear surrounding a military deployment and to let teens know they are not alone in the struggles their families are facing," he said.

A DVD made sense, Lemmon said, as it would grab the attention of a TV- and computer-driven generation.

For funds, Lemmon enlisted the help of his fellowship program

director, Col. Elisabeth M. Stafford, military child health and wellness expert, and applied for a \$20,000 grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics — successfully.

The grant proposal included a plan to address the effects of deployment on adolescents — develop a DVD and Web site, create a training curriculum and offer civilian health care providers training so they could better screen for deployment stress.

Lemmon's first step in implementing his comprehensive teen plan was to create the DVD. He decided to make the DVD "peer to peer, with teenagers relating their own deployment-related stories and offering advice."

"We know adolescents are

More information

The DVD is available at the American Academy of Pediatrics Deployment Support Web site at www.aap.org/sections/uniform/deployment/index.htm.

more comfortable discussing these kinds of emotional issues with each other rather than adults," Lemmon said.

Last summer, Lemmon visited Operation Purple, a summer camp in New Hampshire for children of deployed servicemembers, to interview adolescents for the DVD. Lemmon said he was surprised that teens were so eager to discuss the various emotions surrounding their family deployment stories.

"I asked children about the effects of deployment — What are you most worried about? Did your

families prepare you? Did the military offer helpful support? I ended up with about nine hours of video which we edited down to 30

minutes," he said.

The final product features various teenagers touched by deployment talking about their experiences and lessons learned, some tearfully and others with regret.

"Since he's been gone ... I cared a lot less because I didn't have anyone to push me to do better," said Tyler, one teen featured in the DVD. "I ended up starting out the school year being an A-plus student, and by the end of the school year I was getting C's and D's."

Other teens expressed worry for their deployed parent, particularly in light of media attention surrounding

the war.

"It's horrible what you hear on the news; it's like, oh, in Iraq there's another bombing. You're just like, please don't let it be (where) my dad is," Victoria said.

Teens on the DVD advise others to listen to the deployed parent rather than the media or to avoid the news altogether. They also encouraged others facing the same issues to speak to someone, whether a family member, friend or a trusted adult such as a teacher or their doctor.

"Don't keep your emotions bottled up, let it all out and talk to people, people who had their (parent) deployed and ask them for advice and what to do and what not to do," said James.

"Kids say the darndest things," Lemmon said. "They offered a lot of sound advice that I was not expecting. I think many adolescents will benefit from this DVD."

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Trooper Nathan Haines (foreground), a member of the Fort Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, shows Matthew Lizzi (left) and Donovan Benson a replica of a shotgun cavalrymen once stationed at Fort Riley would have had as part of their assigned personal weapons. Haines was part of a cavalry encampment set up at the "Thank You Fort Riley" picnic at the Fort Riley Middle School July 22.



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Parents and volunteer helpers watch youngsters play on two of the four inflatable attractions set up July 22 for the "Thank You Fort Riley" picnic.

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"They're all smiling," he observed.

Ken Mortensen, a Junction City bank president, passed out cookies to everyone coming through the food line. "The lines haven't been long," he agreed, "so no one's had to stand and wait. It's not crowded, so we have a little time to talk with them (families getting their food)."

When they weren't eating, families had plenty to do. Besides the four inflatable attractions, the kids could try throwing Frisbees into a trashcan or try digging for treasure chips in a large sandbox.

People 16 and older could try their hands and feet, grip and

nerves on the climbing wall erected by members of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Manhattan.

Breona Martinez, 16, was in Junction City visiting with her friend. She hadn't tried to climb a man-made rock wall before, and July 22 she got only about three-fourths of the way to the top before losing her grip and being lowered slowly to the ground.

Deborah Risselada had never tried to climb a wall, either. She was smiling after her effort. "I got about two-thirds of the way up and I couldn't stretch far enough to get another grip," she explained.

Families also could visit a cav-

alry encampment showing what a mounted Soldier's life was like at Fort Riley in the Old West era, look closely at some customized cars ranging from the 1920s to the present or sit in the pilot's seat of one of the Apache helicopter gunships now stationed at Fort Riley.

Above all the laughter and conversation, the country sounds of Alton Miller and Country Road 5 had people tapping their toes and even pulling up a lawn chair to listen.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisure time activities

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

July 28 — Nacho Libre (PG) 91 Min

July 29 — The Break Up (PG-13) 110 Min

July 30 — Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties (PG) 80 Min

Aug. 3 — The Lake House (PG) 98 min

Aug. 4 — Click (PG-13) 98 min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: "Recent Works" by Kari Lennarson. Art exhibit of bold abstract paintings that explore the various meanings of "home."

When: July 22 through Sept. 2. Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Avenue

Admission: Free

Web site: www.manhattanarts.org

Junction City:

What: Seventh annual Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival. Performers include Judy Coder and Pride of the Prairie, Whitehouse Harmony, The O'Brien Family, Ready Brothers, Thad Beach, Fresh Green Grass, Pastense and Midnight Flight. Camping sites available.

When: July 28-29

Where: Milford State Park, 7 miles northwest of Junction City by Milford Lake

Admission: \$15 July 28, \$20 July 29, \$25 for weekend pass.

Phone: Milford State Park information available at (785) 238-3014. Performance information available at (785) 762-4995. For reservations, call (785) 238-3655.

Abilene:

What: Memories of the Prairie Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser

When: 6:30 p.m., July 29

Where: Heritage Center, Abilene, Kansas

Phone: (785) 263-2681

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What: Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo

When: 7:30 p.m. each night, August 2-5

Where: Abilene, Kansas

Admission: Advance adults - \$8; children (6-12) - \$5. At the gate, adults - \$10; children (6-12) - \$5. Kids 5 and under free.

Phone: (785) 263-4570

Web site: www.WildBillHickokRodeo.com

Topeka:

What: Fifth annual Mulvane Women's Board Antique Show and Sale. Features quality vendors from across the Midwest with porcelain, folk art, majolica, flow blue, fine Americana, including coin silver, sterling, art deco, furniture, art nouveau, country and varied objects de vertu.

When: July 28-30

Where: Lee Arena, Washburn University, 18th Street and Washburn Avenue

Phone: (785) 670-1124

Web site: http://www.washburn.edu/mulvane

Kansas City:

What: Woodlands Wiener Dog Nationals. Sixty-four vertically challenged dachshunds racing in hopes of being crowned the 2006 Wiener Dog National Grand Champion.

When: July 30

Where: The Woodlands, 9700 Leavenworth Road

Phone: (913) 299-9797 or (800) 695-7223

Web site: http://www.woodlandskc.com

Belleville:

What: NCK Free Fair. Many exhibits, commercial, 4-H, and FFA. Entertainment, food, and carnival. Held in conjunction with Midget National races.

When: July 25-29

Where: 9th and O Streets, fairgrounds

Phone: (785) 527-5554 or (877) 248-3462

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What: Belleville Midget Nationals. One of the biggest midget events in the country drawing best cars and drivers around.

When: July 28-29

Where: 9th and O Street, Belleville High Banks racetrack

Phone: (785) 527-2488

Web site: http://www.highbanks.org

Wilson:

What: Czech Festival. Authentic Czech food, parade, softball tournament, art and crafts show, custom rod, antique tractors and car show, queen pageant, and polka and square dances, and flea market.

When: July 28-30

Where: Citywide

Phone: (785) 658-2211

Web site: http://www.midland-hotel.com

Nicodemus:

What: Emancipation and Homecoming Celebration.

When: July 28-30

Where: Roadside Park

Phone: (785) 421-2141

Old Abilene Town theme park moving forward, moving on

By Garry Adam

Special to the Post

ABILENE, Kan. — In a bold move designed to regain its position as one of the nation's premier western heritage tourist destinations, officials with Historic Abilene Inc. announced this month that they intend to move Old Abilene Town, lock stock and barrel, to a new location.

"After the market and financial report was completed, we realized the present site of this reconstruction would not support the needed visitor count to maintain a quality historic tourist attraction," Chairman of the Board Terry Tietjens said. "The location of Old Abilene Town must be near I-70 to be a financial success."

The new 160-acre site is located two miles east of Abilene, along I-70 and Jeep Road. The site is the prime location to capture the interest of the more than 6 million vehicles traveling I-70 each year.

In the 1950s through the 1980's, Old Abilene Town was a major Kansas tourist attraction

with more than 100,000 visitors annually. The move to I-70, which coincides with the 50th anniversary of the nation's interstate system, will help Old Abilene Town regain its prominence as a major Kansas tourist attraction.

According to a market and financial feasibility study conducted by Economic Consulting Services from Newport Beach, Calif., 245,000 visitors are expected to visit Old Abilene Town's new I-70 location during its first year in operation and generate millions of dollars for the local economy.

In addition to the massive economic impact predicted for Abilene and Dickinson County, Old Abilene Town Park will also create more than 100 jobs for area youth and adults.

"As a resident of Dickinson County for more than 30 years, I am very supportive of any form of

economic development and job creation," Historic Abilene Inc. Vice President, Ron Roller said.

During the late 1800s, Abilene earned the reputation as the "wickedest and wildest town in the west." This booming cowtown located at the northern terminal of the historic Chisholm Trail began as a crude frontier village of about 300 residents in

1857, growing almost overnight to a city of 3,000 with the largest stockyards west of Kansas City. Abilene had more than a dozen saloons, fancy houses, gambling houses, thriving mer-

cantile business and hotels. Abilene's most famous resident at that time was J.B. "Wild Bill" Hickok, who was town marshal in 1871.

The Old Abilene Town theme park will offer historically accurate storefronts and museum displays, food and retail shops, entertainment, rides such as a train

ride, a carousel, a flume, kiddie rides, stunt shows, film theater, craft and interactive displays and various other attractions. Plans also include the replication of the historic Bonebreak Opera House and Drover's Cottage Restaurant.

The I-70 site will include land available for the development of restaurants, shopping centers, hotels and other business.

"The rebirth of Old Abilene Town is a tremendous endeavor to get the true story of the American west out to the public," said Scott Price, project historian. "This is where the old west began, and we owe it to our children and our children's children to get things right."

According to Tietjens, activities are still taking place at Old Abilene Town during the redevelopment. Gun fighters continue to show off their skills with Wild "Bill" Hickok still in charge. The Old Abilene Town Gunfighters, a volunteer group, has shows on Saturdays and Sundays. Several historic buildings are open daily for visitors to enjoy and get a glimpse of historic Abilene.

Breakout box

For more information about Old Abilene Town, call (785) 263-0868 or send e-mail to oldabilenetown@sbcglobal.net.

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